



*Office of the President*

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The Honorable John Kline  
Chairman  
Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Kline:

Southern New Hampshire University supports and welcomes the Amendment to HR 3136 (the "Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project"), legislation to enable innovative competency-based education programs. We believe that such programs offer great potential to help many Americans earn a degree, gain valuable knowledge and skills, and reduce the cost of college.

We support the proposed Amendment in its entirety, but are especially pleased with the following measures as described:

- Requirement to share data and best practices among participating institutions
- Provision for waivers of federal aid statutory and regulatory requirements to encourage innovative business models
- Mandate to show articulation agreements within and between institutions
- Assurance that competency-based programs be aligned with workforce needs

We commend the House for their leadership on this important issue and have great hopes that this legislation will move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul J. LeBlanc", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul J. LeBlanc  
President

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